

Chairmans Introduction

This year Helping Herts Homeless (HHH), formerly North Herts Sanctuary, is celebrating the 25th anniversary of opening the hostel in Nightingale Road where both accommodation and support has been provided for homeless people. From this base we have grown to provide support to other homeless charities and the local community.

As reported previously in The Bulletin, we have partnered with OneYMCA to bring forward a scheme to redevelop The Sanctuary building to provide 24/7 housing and support in a modern setting. Recently funding requirements have changed



meaning the development of our site will be put on hold. OneYMCA and NHDC with funding from Homes England have decided to focus on refurbishing the existing, larger Anderson House, in Florence St, Hitchin which will provide housing for 70 plus residents. HHH will be involved in supporting this project and will continue to work with OneYMCA to find funding for the original project in Nightingale Road, to provide an additional 23 bedsits.

For further updates, please visit:
www.helpinghertshomeless.org.uk



Support us through Easy Fundraising

Did you know you can support us whilst you shop, without any cost to you? Easyfundraising has partnered with over 8100 brands including John Lewis, Amazon, Tesco, Currys and ASDA. The brand pays the donation cost, making it free to you.

Please sign on at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/helping-herts-homeless>

We would like to thank...



Our Lady's Church

Thanks to Our Lady's Church for donating the proceeds from the Terracycle Recycling Programme. The programme collects used plastic pens and biros for recycling. Last year alone they donated **£168.50**. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the scheme.

ROPES & GRAY

We would like to thank Ropes & Gray LLP for the pro bono legal support to facilitate the development of the Nightingale Road site.

Owain Lister said "Ropes and Gray have been a pleasure to work with, and we appreciate their support in working towards agreeing a lease with OneYMCA to allow development of the Nightingale Road property. They have supported and represented the interests of Helping Herts Homeless on a pro bono basis making it possible for the charity to obtain excellent professional advice."

Kim Raymont



Thanks to the talented local artist Kim Raymont who HHH has commissioned to provide some artwork to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our opening of The Sanctuary as a hostel. Watch this space to see her creation!



Photo by Alexa Loy

Fundraising

& Donations

Benji & Friends - £424

Despite competing with the Euros England match, Benji & Friends performed another successful summer concert, raising £424 for Helping Herts Homeless! Thank you to all the talented artists.

Helping Herts Homeless - £340

Helping Herts Homeless raised £340 at the annual Pirton Show in July.

Hitchin Allstar Choir - £284

Hitchin Allstar Choir kindly raised £284 at their concert in July.

Do you have you any fundraising ideas?

If so please get in touch we would love to hear from you!



**£424
Donated**



Fairground Rides

Food vans

Choirs

Adults £4
Kids Free

Pirton
SHOW

SATURDAY 6TH JULY
1.00pm - 5.30pm

Tug of War

Dog show

Live Music

Olympique Games

PIRTON RECREATION GROUNDS
WALNUT TREE ROAD, PIRTON SG53PX

**£340
Raised**



**Hitchin
Christmas Tree
Festival**



Dates for the Diary

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER

Annual Quiz & Fish & Chips Supper

FRI 13TH – SUN 15TH DECEMBER

Hitchin Christmas Tree Festival

Partner Support

We are delighted to be able to support our partner charity Resolve by granting **£1200** to refurbish an office for admin and support.

If you are a local charity that supports people who are homeless or facing homelessness, please do get in touch to find out how we can support you.





We would welcome comment on, or discussion arising from our newsletter and would welcome any help you could give to our charity. In either case please contact Owain Lister by phone on **07475 005525** or by email on owain.lister@helpinghertshomeless.org.uk

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